Suspension of police officers during Goa elections

808. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police officers suspended by the Election Commission of India during the recently held Assembly elections in Goa;

(b) the reasons given for the suspension in each of these cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Goa has come to a conclusion that there was no justification in suspension of officers concerned;

(d) the period during which the powers of suspension of officers on election duty is vested in the Commission;

(e) whether the suspension of these officers has been revoked; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Election Commission of India has intimated that two police officers were placed under suspension *w.e.f.* the 20th May, 2007, by the Government of Goa on the recommendations of the Election Commission, pending disciplinary proceedings against them for serious misconduct.

(c) The requisite information for answering the question is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Election Commission's power in this regard is restricted up to suspensions of any officer/official/police personnel for insubordination or dereliction of duty. The further disciplinary proceedings will be done by the Union Government or the concerned State Government as the case may be, on a recommendation in this regard made by the Election Commission.

(e) and (f) The requisite information for answering the question is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Resignation by MPs before election for other posts

809. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take effective steps regarding implementing the obligation of giving resignation from his/her membership before nominating any Member of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha to another elected post;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.